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In Re: Patent Application

Serial Number 10/005,696

Group art unit 3724

Filed Dec. 7, 2001

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Title: Methods and apparatus for processing reclaimed tire tread strips

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF 12/26/01

Commissioner of Patents

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Dear Sir,

This timely responds to the Office action of Dec., 26, 2001.

Enclosed is the \$80.00 fee due by applicant.

Enclosed are three sheets of formal drawings.

Thus the application is put in proper condition for examination in due course.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Laurence R. Brown*

Laurence R. Brown, Counsel of Record.

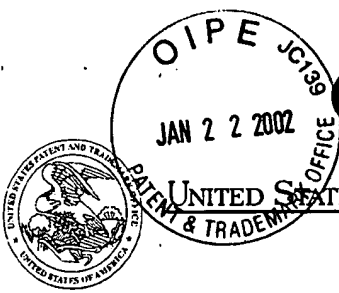
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Three formal drawing sheets

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is insufficient.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 15 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 80.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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